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Free Seminar Helps Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations Understand Tax Laws

Sacramento – If you represent a nonprofit or faith-based organization and have questions about tax laws, a free Tax Seminar will provide answers. The event is sponsored by Board of Equalization (BOE) Vice Chair Michelle Steel, Assemblyman Chris Norby and California State University, Fullerton on July 10.

The seminar will cover a variety of topics, including property tax exemptions, compliance for exempt organizations, regulation of charities and fundraisers, federal tax issues, employment taxes and sales and use taxes.

Representatives from the BOE, Franchise Tax Board, Attorney General's Office, Internal Revenue Service and the Employment Development Department will be speaking.

Event: Tax Seminar Nonprofit and Faith-Based Organizations

Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2012

Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Check-in at 8:30 a.m.)

Place: CSU, Fullerton
Mihaylo Hall (Building SGMH)
800 N. State College Blvd.
Fullerton, CA 92831
(Parking \$8)

Register: Call 888-847-9652 or go online at: www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/nonprofitsched.htm

For more information, visit www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/pdf/Fullerton-NP-invite-7-10-12_web.pdf

Additional information regarding other helpful in-person classes offered by BOE is available at: www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_inperson.htm.

The BOE offers easy to use, convenient, 24-hour accessible online seminars on a variety of tax and fee topics at: www.boe.ca.gov/info/VirtualSeminars/seminars_online.htm.

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Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses. To date, over \$100 million in security deposits have been returned to taxpayers.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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